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## AUDRAIN COUNTY PETIT JURYMEN

Monroe Beagles: Born in Fulton, Mo., 1856. Parents moved to this county 1863. Bought 340 acres west of what was then known as Fair Oaks Postoffice. Mr. Beagles now owns the old homestead and about 500 acres other land in the neighborhood. Beagles School House is on one corner of the Beagles land. Mr. Beagles in recent years has made three trips to the Klondike and thinks he may go again. Says he has seen the midnight sun many times. His wife was Miss Grace Heinman. They have three girls and a boy—Ray H., and Miss Nellie Lee Beagles, at home, and Mrs. E. L. Pasley, in the home neighborhood. Ray and himself and two hands manage the home farm. They raise and buy and feed stock. Never sell any grain off place.

G. T. Turner: Born in Audrain. Father entered land from the Government at 12 1-2 cents per acre, ten miles northwest of Centralia, which is yet in the family. Mr. Turner's home farm is two miles northwest of Centralia, known as the Buck Roberts Place, 240 acres in Audrain and 70 acres just over the line in Boone. One of the very best tracts of land in the county. He has a brick bungalow house with all modern improvements and conveniences. The wife was Miss Victoria Noe, daughter of J. R. Noe, now of Santa Cruz, Cal. Mr. Turner is engaged extensively in stock raising. Has now on hands 60 head of Angus cows and calves, registered, his own raising. Feeding 20 head of fine mules just now, also.

W. H. Morris: Born in Bourbon county, Ky., 1866. Parents moved to Audrain, 1870, and first settled on the old Bob Graham farm, now owned by Jack Brown. Later bought a farm in Ralls county. Sold and bought near Wesley Chapel Church, on West Lick. The farm is now owned by Misses Fannie and Iva Morris and C. F. and J. W. Morris. W. H. Morris owns the Jacob Barnes place, 105 acres, near Littleby Baptist Church. He married Miss Nora Barnes. Mr. Morris bought the farm from his father-in-law. "I got the place," he said, "and Father Barnes threw the girl in." They have two sons—noble fellows they are, too, Claude, Jr., and Orville. Mr. Morris has his farm mostly in grass. That pays, and it is a fertilizer for the ground besides.

G. P. Maxwell: Born near Rush Hill, 1873. Parents came to this county from Virginia, 1865. Both now deceased. Mr. Maxwell owns a fine little farm three miles east of Rush Hill, part of the old Alexander place. Married Miss Lillie Travis, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Travis of Laddonia. They have two noble children, Tommie and Frances, 12 and 10 years old. Mr. Maxwell raises and feeds stock and makes the farm pay.

R. S. Mechlin: Born in Pike county, Ohio, 1856. Moved to Missouri fall 1884. Settled east of Rush Hill. Owns three farms—280 acres in all; the farm where he lives, then the east part of the Old Enoch Collins place, and 80 acres ten miles north, in Ralls county, near Prairie View Church. Married Miss Anna McClay, of Armstrong county, Pa. There are three children—Charles, on the Collins farm; Harry K., on the Ralls county farm, and Clarence and Misses Fay and Ossie, at home. Mr. Mechlin has all his lands in grass except 20 acres. Never ships any grain; endeavors to enrich his ground, instead of despoiling it, thus to help make two blades of grass grow where only one grew before.

H. A. Doyle: Born and reared in Pike county, Mo. Moved to eastern Audrain 1877. Has a 235 acre farm seven miles southeast of Vandalia, part of the land lying in Audrain and part in Pike. Moved to Vandalia six years ago. Manages an oil station at Jonesburg. Married Miss Lizzie Gannaway, who is a sister of Mrs. George Fisher, south of Mexico. Three children—Gov. C., who looks after the home farm, Miss Zelma, teaching in Iowa, and Miss Ada, at home. Mr. Doyle says he is a Methodist, but he wants to see the divi-

## DIES AT 95

Vandalia, Mo., Sept. 9.—Thomas Wright, 95 years old, died today at his homestead, which he entered 70 years ago, when land went at 12 1-2 cents an acre. He came to Missouri in 1830 from Virginia, when only 2 years old, his father entering land still owned and occupied by his descendants. Mr. Wright leaves two sons, John W. Wright and James H. Wright, both of Gazette, Pike county, and four daughters, Mrs. John Gibbs of Kansas, Mrs. W. C. Maxwell and Misses Lizzie and Fannie Wright, all of Pike county.

### Mutual Telephone.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Mutual Telephone Co. was held in Mexico last week. A new board of directors was elected as follows:

S. P. Martin, of Auxvasse; Earl Bell, Benton City; W. M. Strange, Martinsburg; Val Erdel, Rush Hill. Thomas Crawford, Worcester; Thod Boulware, Molino, and W. G. Sims, south of Mexico. W. G. Sims and Earl Bell are the new members on the board.

This board will meet soon to elect officers of the company and to organize. The present officers are: W. M. Strange, president and manager; Val Erdel, vice-president, and J. H. Wayne, secretary and treasurer.

This is the company that does not operate any further east in the county than Rush Hill.

"Jump" Cauthorn was kicked by a horse last week and seriously hurt. His many friends rejoice that he is recovering all right.

A. C. Whitson, Prosecuting Attorney, is the president of the Mexico Rifle Club. We surmise he'll prove quite a shooter when he gets hold of that real army gun.

ions of that great church soon united as one.

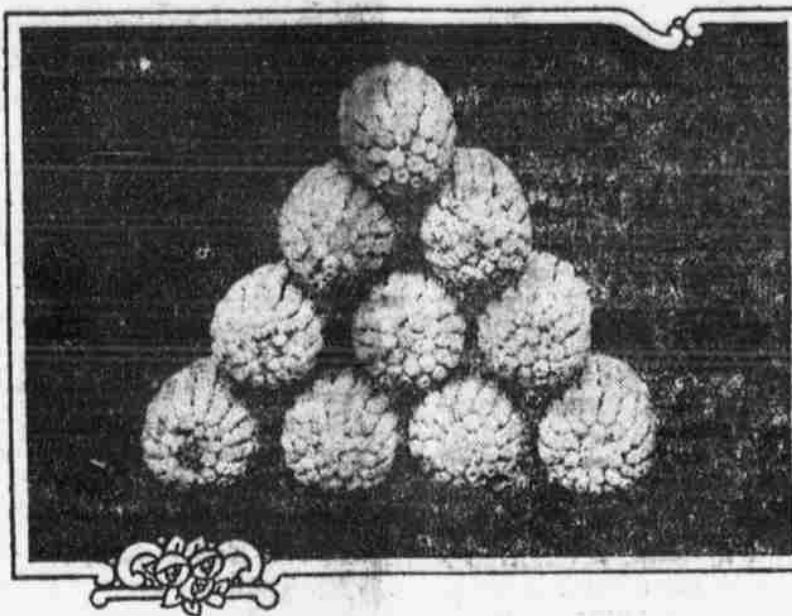
Hiram Threlkeld is a "Missourian of the manor born," as he expressed it. "I am also a Baptist and a Democrat," he further said. Mr. Threlkeld lives on the farm where he was born, near Beaver Dam Church. His farm contains 120 acres, and it is a fine place. He married Miss Bettie Clanton, daughter of the late Nicholas Clanton. Three children—Mrs. Ethel Crews, of Mexico, and Eunice and Marcellus, at home. Mrs. Threlkeld died 15 years ago.

Dr. W. F. Taylor: Born and reared in Callaway county. Began his practice of medicine in Martinsburg, this county, 1877. Remained there till 1904. Moved to Columbia and later to Mexico. His wife was Miss Althea Dale Jones, daughter of the late Col. J. F. Jones, of Callaway county. Latter owned 1,100 acres of land. Dr. Taylor now owns 230 acres of the same tract. He also owns 404 acre farm south of Martinsburg, formerly owned by Dr. J. F. Brown of Laddonia, whereon was located the famous Old Todd Mill. Dr. Taylor has three children—Carter H., an engineer in Kansas City; Mrs. C. R. Ruble, Ft. Worth, Texas, and Miss Wilhelmine, at home.

W. B. Freeman: Has a fine well improved 80 acre farm five miles southwest of Benton City. He was born and reared in that neighborhood. He was born on the place now owned by "Bud" Baker. The wife was Miss Margaret E. Greer, a cousin of I. M. Greer and Rev. J. D. Greer of Mexico and of Mrs. Gusta Cowles of near Auxvasse. There are three children; J. C., who resides in Mexico, and Misses Emma and Ida Lee, at home. Mr. Freeman's father, R. T. Freeman, came here from Kentucky and his mother from Virginia. His grandparents also moved here. Their nearest trading point 81 years ago was Portland, Callaway county, on the Missouri River. There was no Mexico, Mo., then, tho the town was laid out and incorporated the following year. Mr. Freeman has the distinction of having produced Rex McDonald, reared and trained him. He and his father bought the colt at seven months old. Hundreds of men have asked him if he could produce another such a famous horse. On the day he sold Rex he said: "Whenever they beat him, and beat him right, I'll try to produce his better."

## Farm and Stock News

### Ten Ears of Corn at Missouri State Fair



TIME was when Missouri loaded her corn crop on the ears and sold it to the feeders of Oklahoma, Texas and Louisiana.

Thank fortune that day has passed and the Missouri farmer has realized that the greatest profit lies in keeping upon the farm the product of his soil.

Corn is king in the great Mississippi valley, and Missouri has the soil and the brains behind it to produce world's prize winning corn.

At the great Missouri State Fair Sept. 23 to 30, 1916, you will find a display worth while going to see. Note the ten ears shown above and make up your mind that you can produce their equal, if not a better ear.

Begin to select your seed corn better for their crops above the price of their rent.

W. D. Mason is feeding a drove of fine young mules.

Oscar Martin of Molino, sold a mule colt for \$60.

Wm. Waincott bought a calf of Felix Martin for \$35.

J. H. Kammermeyer, near Molino, bot two calves of Forest Weaver.

W. M. Beamer of Molino went to Southwest Missouri to buy calves.

Our Champ Chimes says no wheat is being sown in that neighborhood this fall.

T. R. Brown, near Centralia, bot a mare mule colt of Robert Meals for \$100.

George Dean has bought Jim Johnson's farm south of Mexico, paying \$100 per acre. Fine tract of land it is, too.

Horace Mundy, two and one-half miles west of Mexico, is advertising a public sale of live stock for Tuesday, Sept. 19. See full notice in this issue of the Message.

E. M. Crooks and J. E. Hodge, both of near Rush Hill, are touring Southeast Missouri in an auto. Mr. Crooks will buy a farm. Mr. Hodge has made plans to move to Montana. He may yet conclude to remain in Missouri.

Joe A. Gregory arrived home last week from Kansas City where he took a course in the Missouri Auction School; it's the largest auction school in the world. Joe is a good auctioneer and lines up with any of the boys. He has a number of sales booked for the near future.

"Shoot the Buzzards." The hog cholera season is here, and the buzzards help to spread this disease, so says State Veterinarian Dr. D. F. Luckey. A few outbreaks of anthrax have occurred in northern Arkansas. This disease is usually prevalent further south and seldom becomes widespread as far north as it has this year. Anthrax is equally as bad as hog cholera. Buzzards are likely to carry anthrax from northern Arkansas into Missouri. Shoot the buzzards and burn them! Buzzards are a menace to live stock production, and therefore should be killed and burned. "Shoot the Buzzards!"

It is often said that a man can not pay rent on corn land and get out even on the deal. E. T. Stubbington, living nine miles northwest of Centralia, tells the editor of the Centralia Guard that he had rented fifty-three acres of his land at \$5.00 per acre and thirty-five acres at \$6.00 per acre, the rental bringing him \$485.00. This land was rented to M. Stubbington's neighbors and the crops are estimated to be worth at least \$2,000.00. This gives Mr. Stubbington practically \$500 in rent and the renters will receive \$1,500 or

The Santa Fe Progress says that H. J. Hawkins of that locality a year ago bot a Hampshire sow from which he has sold \$110 worth of pigs and still has the sow and 16 of her product, which he values at \$300.

Milk bearing the stamp of approval by those in authority is not a guarantee that it will keep wholesome if not properly cared for in the home or retail shop. Containers should be thoroughly sterilized and carefully dried; milk should be kept cold and at regular temperature, and should also be kept covered; milk absorbs odors very readily and should be kept free from contaminating influences.

Walter White, a fruit grower of Irvington township, Nashville, Ill., has made \$24,000 from his peach orchard of 40 acres this year, it is said. His expenses were \$4,000, netting him \$20,000. Last year his net profit was \$10,000. He has raised good peach crops for four consecutive years. White has a process of spraying which delays the maturing of the peaches for two weeks. Let us on to that secret in Audrain, won't you?

"Does a hen get too fat to lay?" It is observed that this question should be reversed and instead of saying the hen gets too fat to lay, we should say the hen can't lay is the reason she gets too fat. If a hen is fed a ration which makes ten yolks for each five whites, she will make only five eggs and the other five yolks are taken back into the hen's system and built into fat. In this way she becomes very fat, yet produces only a few eggs. In this case the hen is not at fault, for if she had been given a balanced ration, she would have manufactured eggs instead of fat. A good example of a mistake of this kind is permitting hens to eat with fattening hogs. We often hear farmers say that the hens waste the feed. They are right so far as egg production is concerned, for a ration which is good for fattening hogs is not good for laying hens. The reason is that the ration produces more yolks than whites and therefore the hens get fat instead of producing eggs.

Mrs. Victoria Sanford, who at one time was Deputy Recorder of Audrain County, is the Democratic nominee for Registrar of Deeds at Olathe, Kan.

Mrs. Martha McDonald, who took seriously ill recently at the home of Sam Craighead near Centralia, was brought to the home of her daughter in this city last week, Mrs. S. H. Richards. She is reported as improving.

F. W. Is Gregg has the thanks of The Message family for a fine mess of "roasting ears" and Phillip Shire for a big fat watermelon.

## CIRCUIT COURT IS IN SESSION

George Ramey of near Laddonia won his suit against the Blaugas Co. who sued him on a contract for a lighting plant he bought of them. Mr. Ramey claimed the plant was not up to specifications. The suit was on two counts. The jury allowed \$32.50 on one count and \$15 on the other and then Mr. Ramey was allowed \$150 on a counter claim.

Sol Spurts, colored, against the A. P. Green Fire Brick Co., sued for \$2,000 personal damages—and lost.

Mrs. Willie M. DeLaney was granted divorce from Frank Delaney.

Joe Weinands, tried on two counts for violating the local option law, was found guilty on one count and not guilty on the other. He was fined \$62.50.

There was a hung jury in the case of Margarito Contreras, a Greek, against the A. P. Green Fire Clay Co. for damages.

### Died Friday Morning.

Mrs. George Cass, 71 years old, died Friday at the home of her son in this city, E. L. Cass. She had been ill for some time.

Mrs. Cass was born in Webster, Mass. In later life lived at Laddonia, Minn., where the body was shipped for burial Saturday, after a short funeral service conducted by Rev. A. A. Wallace. The husband and three children survive. The children are: E. L. and Miss Harriet, both of this city, and Miss Helen of Missoula, Mont.

### Thomas-Ballew Nuptials.

Mr. Aubrey L. Thomas of St. Louis and Miss Ethel Ballew, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Ballew of this city, were united in marriage in St. Louis Thursday of last week.

### Mrs. Collins in Wreck.

Mrs. E. A. Collins of Columbia, formerly connected with Collins Academy at Rush Hill and at Laddonia, was in a railroad wreck recently in Colorado and is now in a hospital at Salida, Colo., recovering from her injuries. Mrs. Collins was a graduate of Hardin College. Her maiden name was Miss Laura Clark. She is well remembered in Mexico. Her husband is a teacher in Stephens College at Columbia.

### Rockenstein-Byrns.

Mr. Leo Rockenstein, formerly of St. Louis, and Miss Josephine Byrns, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Byrns of Mexico, were united in marriage at the home of the bride's parents here Wednesday, August 6, 1916. Rev. A. A. Wallace officiating. Miss Virginia Rockenstein of St. Louis, sister of the groom, and Mrs. Clark Garrett of Ames, Iowa, sister of the bride, were out-of-town attendants. Mr. and Mrs. Rockenstein will reside on the groom's farm near this city. Both are very fine young people and many friends join in wishing them every joy that wedded life can give.

W. S. Biggs and John Wakefield, two mighty fine fellows, move up their Message subscription dates.

Misses Irene Hendricks and Nell and Viola Wilson of Santa Fe have enrolled as pupils in Mexico High School.

The Columbia Browns came over to Mexico Sunday and in a game of base ball walloped the Mexico Athletics by a score of 4 to 1.

Santa Fe Progress: John Heizer, near Molino, invited five neighbor men to his home on Friday to assist in killing rats. They took both crib floors up and succeeded in killing 76 of the dreaded pests and many scampers away to the hay unharmed.

W. C. Atkins, a good friend of the Message, who resides near Madison, Monroe county, was in Mexico last week. He was suffering from an abnormal growth on his Adam's Apple, as he expressed it. Was here to have his throat operated on. We hope that his relief may prove permanent. He says it is awfully dry down in Laclede county where he moved from less than a year since.

## RURAL SCHOOLS

By W. Clyde W. Johnson.

At last I have caught up with the all but unending office work and am able to get out and see how the schools are getting along.

Wednesday I attended the convention of the Christian Churches of the county at Vandalia and also the school. It was their record day. The enrollment is good and everything is starting off well. M. C. Thomas seems to be a very thoro and capable school man. I shall have something more to say about the school later.

Thursday morning I stopped for a few minutes at Bear Slough. Miss Beatrice McNeil, teacher. She had six pupils who were very proud of the 12 new desks that have lately been put in.

At Prairie Hill, Miss Geneva Criswell, teacher. They report 24 pupils, 9 in the "Y" Class. They are keeping the dust down by the use of a sweeping compound.

Pleasant Plains had 32 pupils, with Miss Eric Kirtley as teacher.

Hall had a new concrete platform in front of the door. Maps and blackboards have been ordered.

There were 11 pupils at Hickory Grove, Miss Atha Gregg is again the teacher. The heater has been enameled and shines like new. We shall hear of additional improvements later.

Miss Blanche Sipple is the teacher at Cauthorn. She has 23 pupils. A sweeping compound has been ordered.

School has not begun at Edwards. Miss Blanche Brooks is the teacher. The well was cleaned out—There were about 25 beer bottles, thanks to those who travel the State highway, found in it. I also noticed a new concrete platform, a walk to the well, a concrete top for the well, a drain for the water away from the well, a new roof, and a new fence. They have been busy in well-doing.

Eureka, with Miss Alma Brown, teacher for the fourth consecutive term is still growing. This year she has 24 pupils, twice what she had the first year.

At Prairie Chapel the stove has been moved back to the corner of the room. A new fence has been built on two sides. Miss Ruth Miller is the teacher. She had seven pupils, just enough to have a very interesting game of ball since the teacher takes part herself.

Again E. E. Shay is principal at Benton City. He had 22 pupils, and Miss Moore, who is the primary teacher for the third term has 28. They have a new organ which the school is paying for. They will have an ice cream supper next Saturday night to help in this matter. Keller-hal Brothers have made each room a present of a very useful and helpful pencil sharpener. Swings have been put up under the trees and are very much enjoyed by all. The floors have been oiled.

I was very much disappointed not to find any of the floors of the rural schools oiled, as this is a very necessary step in keeping down the dust, preventing disease and making for the general health of the children. But I believe that some will yet be oiled. Not a town school this year that will not be oiled. If it is worth while for the town children, then why not for the country children?

All the weeds had been cut and the houses cleaned and scrubbed. Several have already ordered equipment, some are going to have a supper, and all are doing something to make their school homes as comfortable as possible.

Erisman had a big ice cream supper last Friday night. A large crowd was present and a good time was enjoyed by all present.

Stauffer had a supper last Wednesday night and South Liberty has already had a supper and are planning a Parents' Day soon.

John Francis of Monroe county fell from a ladder and fractured his hip.

## MEXICO SAVINGS BANK

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